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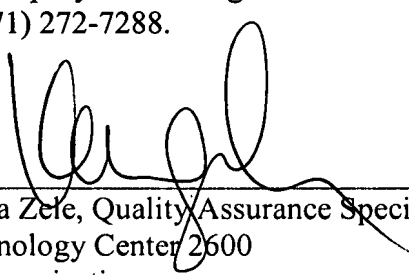
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**NOTIFICATION OF PRIOR ART  
CITATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.501**

A citation of prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.501 has been filed by the patent owner on July 5, 2007, in the above-identified patent, entitled "**CONVERGING OPTICAL SYSTEM OF OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE**".

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